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## U. S. WON'T SEIZE GERMAN SHIPPING

### Senate Stands By Wilson, Vote 78 to 5; Works Raps "Neutrality"

#### GERMAN VESSELS MAY REFUSE PAY HIGHER CHARGES

Agency Sends Letter to Harbor Board Saying Control of Craft in U. S. Hands

What consists practically of a refusal to pay any increased rates in wharfage charges or any wharfage charges at all upon the German refugee merchantmen Pommer and Seta is a statement made by F. W. Klebahn of Hackfeld & Company, agents, read at the meeting of the harbor board this afternoon.

Klebahn's letter is in answer to notice from the harbor board of its decision to raise the wharfage charges on the two vessels from the special rate of \$10 a day granted them, to the regular charge of 2 cents a ton, which would amount to a little more than \$80 and \$60 respectively for each.

Klebahn informs the board that control of the two boats has now passed from the hands of the agents, that it is in the hands of the United States government, and politely asks the commissioners to take up the matter of wharfage with the proper federal department.

The writer notes in the letter that although action was taken, effective from February 5, notice of this was not given until the following day.

#### 300 DROWNED AND FROZEN TO DEATH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
CHEFOO, Shantung, China, Jan. 5. (By Correspondence.)—Three hundred persons were drowned and frozen near here when the Japanese steamer Tanaka Maru ran aground during a terrific snowstorm. Seventy-five of those aboard, after clinging for four days to the battered hull, were rescued.

#### JAPAN PRAISES ACTION OF U. S.

(Special Cable to Hawaii Press).  
TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 7.—Japan was greatly excited over the news of the severing of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany, although it was expected sooner or later. All influential newspapers in this city praised the action of the United States. All united in the opinion that America has done the proper thing to save the honor of its flag, not only for the United States but for other neutral nations as well.

There is a little sense of insecurity on the part of many diplomats in Japan and the United States will surely occupy an influential position in the peace conference should Uncle Sam join the Allies. In this case there is no doubt about the United States opposing the Japanese occupation of German territory in China and the South Seas, and then the present good relations between these two countries may be endangered.

#### MAUI AND KAUAI GUARD LAST TO BE INSPECTED

Inspection of guard organizations on Maui and Kauai is proceeding in a businesslike manner according to outside reports from those islands. Maj. Rufus E. Langan is conducting the work on Kauai, and Maj. O. B. Rosenbaum on Maui. Col. Gaylord F. Wilcox of the 4th Regiment, Kauai, returned there last night following several days in Honolulu. Completion of the inspection of these regiments will finish the annual looking over which the federal government gives the guardsmen.

#### RUMOR OF RODIEK'S ARREST—MERELY RUMOR

The report circulated Tuesday to the effect that German Consul Georg Rodiek had been arrested was proved untrue. Shortly after the Star-Bulletin went to press yesterday Mr. Rodiek was located and denied the rumor. All government officials also denied knowing anything about it.

Maj. W. B. Cochran, commanding the provost guard encamped at the Capitol grounds, reports that quiet reigned throughout the various parts of the city ever which his men watched last night. Three companies of the regulars patrolled the city.

#### Stocks Shade Off Slightly

##### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today, day.	Yesterday.
Alaska Gold	7 1/4	8 1/4
American Smelter	98 1/2	99 1/4
American Sugar Rfg.	106	107
American Tel. & Tel.	125 1/2	125 1/2
Anacosta Copper	75 1/4	76 1/4
Atchafalpa	102 1/2	103
Baldwin Loco.	54	52 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	75 1/4	75 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	40 1/2	41
Calif. Petroleum	23 1/4	23 1/4
Canadian Pacific	149 1/2	150
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	75 1/4	76 1/4
Cole, Fuel & Iron	43 1/2	44 1/4
Crescent Steel	65	67 1/2
Erie Common	26	27
General Electric	164 1/2	165 1/2
General Motors, New	107	108
Great Northern Pfd.	112 1/2	113
Inter. Harv., N. J.	115	118
Kennecott Copper	44	44 1/4
Lehigh R. R.	74	74 1/4
New York Central	94	95
Pennsylvania	54	54 1/4
Ray Consol.	25 1/2	26
Reading Common	90 1/2	91 1/2
Southern Pacific	92 1/4	92 3/4
Studebaker	102 1/2	103 1/2
Texas Oil	209	212
Union Pacific	133 1/4	135
U. S. Steel	106	107
Utah	107 1/2	108 1/2
Western Union	98 1/2	99 1/4
Westinghouse	52 1/2	53 1/4
Wheat	1.69 1/2	1.73 1/2

\*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

SUGAR  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 5.—(Correction.) Sugar: 36 degrees test, 4.71 1/2 cents. Previous quotation, 4.64 cents.

#### RUMOR, PROMPTLY DENIED, ALLEGES DANGER TO K-BOAT

Unconfirmed Report Spread Over City Four Submarine Sailors of German Blood Arrested; Captain Clark Says He Knows Nothing of It

Are there four United States submarine sailors under arrest and in double irons at the naval camp at Pearl Harbor for attempting to sink one or more of Uncle Sam's under-sea craft stationed there?

Has anyone been arrested for any such offense? Is there any indication of such attempts? Or was a general rumor to that effect which has been going the rounds last night and this morning merely germinated in a fertile brain, one of the many rumors found baseless?

"I know nothing of it," said Capt. Clark of the naval station, Pearl Harbor.

A general statement of the stories being circulated is this: Four members of one of the submarine's crew had made preparations to open the bilge cocks. They were of German parentage. They have been arrested and are in irons.

Sidelights on the story include one statement that there were only three arrested and another that but one was taken, he having punched three or four holes in the armor of one of the submarines.

The submarine story was connected in a way with action taken by naval authorities following instructions from Washington to allow no one in the yards other than officials, employees and those with the proper authority.

When the 7 a. m. work train entered the naval reservation yesterday morning it was stopped and every passenger inspected before the workmen at the station were allowed to get off or before the train could proceed to Westtown.

It was said that this action had been taken in order either to catch men who had tried to destroy the submarine or to stop persons with such intentions, but Fred C. Smith, general passenger agent of the Oahu Railway, says he believes the inspection is merely in accord with instructions. It was made again this morning.

One man said in regard to the rumor that he had it on information from most credible sources that four men had been actually arrested at Pearl Harbor for attempting to damage one of the little ships.

#### British Liner From N. Y. Sunk; Many Die

No Americans Known Drowned in Sinking of California Off Ireland—Day's Toll of Vessels is Large—200 Hospital Cases at Queenstown

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)  
NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The British steamer California, sunk off Ireland, left here January 29 with 31 passengers, none of them Americans. Advice here says that there are 160 survivors out of 215 souls aboard. The crew numbered 184. The vessel carried an armed gun astern.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The sinking of the British passenger steamer California, bound from New York to Glasgow, is reported by Consul Frost at Queenstown, Ireland. The California was sunk off the Irish coast. He reports that one person was lost and there are "200 hospital cases." No other details are given.

LONDON, England, Feb. 7.—Lloyd's agency received news today of several more vessels sunk in the submarine warfare, following the news of many destroyed yesterday. Today's advices say the British steamers Vestra and Crown Point, two British trawlers and two fishing boats, the Peruvian bark Lorton and the Italian steamer Ferruccio were the victims. Later in the day the Central News Agency announced the sinking of the British steamers St. Ninian and Corsican Prince. The survivors have been landed with 17 missing.

#### Germans Gain on West; Then Lose

PARIS, France, Feb. 7.—The Germans after a bombardment today forced their way into the French positions in a bloody battle along the salient near Emermenil, according to official announcement, but the French rallied and drove out the enemy.

#### German Dynamite Factory Blown Up

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Feb. 7.—According to news published in Les Nouvelles of Maastricht, Holland, a dynamite factory at Schlebusch, near Cologne, was blown up on January 27, killing 200 people, mostly women.

#### Late News At A Glance

SAYS CARRANZA DIDN'T CONGRATULATE KAISER  
MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb. 7.—The Mexican foreign office today formally denied that Gen. Carranza has cabled congratulations to the German emperor.

GOVERNMENT WAR INSURANCE RATES JUMP  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Increases ranging from 125 to 900 per cent in the war risk insurance issued by the federal war risk insurance bureau were announced today.

ASKS HALF A MILLION T  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Secretary of State Lansing today asked for an emergency appropriation of \$500,000 for the relief, protection and transportation of Americans in Europe.

U. S. ARMY'S WORK ON BORDER LAUDED  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—High commendation of the work of the U. S. army on the border and in Mexico was expressed today in letters to Generals Funston and Pershing by Secretary of War Baker. "There have been objections to the army's presence, but I take pride in its record," said he in his letter to General Pershing.

RUSH NAVAL BASES AT COAST POINTS  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The establishment of a new navy base on San Francisco bay and the development of the navy yard, Puget Sound, as a large base were recommended today by a board of navy officers who have made a special study of coast conditions. The board urges the immediate appropriation of \$1,500,000 to purchase a needed site on San Francisco bay, \$2,500,000 for the development at Bremerton, Puget Sound, and \$2,250,000 for further development at Mare Island.

HARBOR COMMISSION CONSIDERS BUDGET NEEDS  
At the meeting of the harbor board this afternoon, the budget for the coming two years was taken up for consideration. For maintenance and upkeep on Oahu \$145,440 was voted, and \$51,340 was passed for maintenance on Hawaii. It was decided to ask the legislature to approve a salary of \$300 a month for the harbormaster. He now gets a salary of \$212.50.

WILHELMINA LEAVES SAN FRANCISCO ON TIME  
Repairs having been quickly completed in drydock to the damage done the Matson liner Wilhelmina when she touched bottom last week near the sugar port of Crockett, Cal., the steamer was able to leave San Francisco for Honolulu at 12:20 this afternoon, on time, according to cable advices to the Merchants' Exchange.

NAVAL OFFICERS INSPECT WIRELESS ROOMS  
To see whether the wireless apparatus on the refugee German merchant steamers had been tampered with or operated in any way to catch messages, two U. S. navy officers, one of them Boatswain J. H. Macdonald of the local naval station, took the wireless operators of the vessels from the immigration station shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon. The operators, at the naval officers' order, opened up the wireless rooms, which had been locked on the various boats, so the naval men could inspect the plants on each steamer.

#### "Carnival Goes On"

George H. Angus, president of the Mid-Pacific Carnival, declared today: "There are all sorts of rumors that the present international situation may interfere with the Carnival. 'Nothing to it. The plans are going ahead and will go ahead, without change and without delay. The city is full of visitors, more are coming, and the Carnival program is a splendid one. 'There is not even a thought of calling off the Carnival or modifying it. This is absolutely definite.'"  
During 1916, private American shipyards built for American owners 1163 merchant vessels.

#### WINTER HALTING LAND CAMPAIGNS

(German Official)

GERMAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 4.—West arena, Crown Prince Rupprecht's front: During unfavorable sighting conditions and frosty weather, artillery duel between Lens and Arras and from Serre to St. Pierre Vaast wood livelier than on preceding day. North of Ancre English, after drumfire, attacked our positions about midnight, while north of Beaucourt attacks failed. Near river bank detachments succeeded in entering our most advanced trenches. Army group of crown prince: North-east of Pont-a-Mousson and north of St. Mihiel our own reconnoitering advances were successful.

Prince Leopold's front, eastern arena: In engagements which developed before noon on the Aa river, in spite of severe cold, several Russian attacks were repulsed.

Archduke Joseph's front: Here and on von Mackensen's front the situation is unchanged. On the Macedonian front, except for surprise fire attacks between Vardar and Douras, Lake and near Monastir there is nothing important.

Monday's Report

GERMAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Feb. 5.—Crown Prince Rupprecht's front: From north bank of Ancre to the Somme, during strong artillery fire in some sectors and infantry engagements, we recaptured the largest part of trenches east of Beaucourt from the English by a counter thrust and on this occasion in round numbers 100 prisoners remained in our hands.

This afternoon a violent English attack north of Beaucourt failed and in the night-time also a charge was repeated of strong forces against our positions from east of Grandcourt to south of Pys.

Also on the road from Bealescourt to Guendecourt there is fighting. South of the Somme thrusting detachments brought in more than 20 French and English from hostile lines.

Prince Leopold's front: On the Narayovka river a small Russian detachment, held ahead towards our outposts, was repulsed by fire. On Archduke Joseph's and von Mackensen's front the situation is unchanged. Only a little artillery fire and forefired engagements reported. Nothing new on the Macedonian front.

#### BRITISH FLYER SHOT DOWN, MADE PRISONER

(German Official)

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 7.—On the afternoon of February 1, along the Flanders coast, a German single-seated fighting aeroplane shot down a British single-seated aeroplane. The hostile machine fell into our hands. The flyer, a British naval officer, was imprisoned.

#### May Jail Bopp, Aids

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 7.—German Consul-General Franz Bopp and his aide, who were convicted of violation of U. S. neutrality laws in conspiring to blow up trains and ships carrying munitions to the Allies, have been ordered to furnish increased bail of \$25,000 each, while awaiting the outcome of their moves for a new trial. Judge Hunt issued the order today. The increase was asked by the district attorney's office because of the present strained relations between this country and Germany.

Attorney Theodore Roche says that this undoubtedly means that Bopp will be jailed. The convicted men have been given until 5 this afternoon to raise the bail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 7.—Indications are here that German Consul-General Franz Bopp and his aide have made an effort, through the department of justice and the department of state, to go out of the country with Ambassador von Bernstorff, thus ending the case against them.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Consul Bopp and his aides will not be permitted to accompany Ambassador von Bernstorff. Being under sentence for violation of neutrality laws, the Entente Allies will not give them safe conduct.

#### BERNSTORFF'S GOING CERTAIN

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Asserting that the United States has not been neutral as a nation, and that if it had been neutral, it would never have brought about the breach with Germany, Senator Works of California today protested to the senate against the action of the president in severing relations. He said that he did not question the good faith of the president in taking his action.

The president's action was later formally approved by the senate by a vote of 78 to 5, in adopting the indorsement resolution by Senator Stone, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs.

STOCKHOLM Sweden, Feb. 7.—Sweden and other Scandinavian countries have decided to unite in a protest against the German submarine blockade.

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 7.—The Peruvian press is unanimous in condemning the action of Germany.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Feb. 7.—Norway will not agree to President Wilson's suggestion that other neutrals break with Germany, the Aftenpost says.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The United States government will not seize German refugee ships on which German crews have wreaked injury, as the situation stands today.

The policy of doing nothing to force further the strained relations with Germany was officially reiterated today. The administration is taking the greatest care to see that the rights of the foreign government and of foreign property are not violated. Furthermore, it was officially stated today that nowhere have German ships been seized nor has the United States claimed title to them. It is authoritatively declared that the only action taken was to put the vessels and their crews under guard and protection, to prevent obstruction of navigation or the violation of the laws to which they are subject. Necessary precautions were taken to carry out this policy, it is declared.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—That German Ambassador von Bernstorff is going from the United States was made certain today when Switzerland instructed its minister resident, Dr. Paul Ritter, to take over German interests in the United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Facing Germany's renewed submarine warfare, Washington is ready for eventualities in case that warfare results in violation of the pledges which this government has exacted of Berlin.

It is frankly stated in official circles today that the United States stands squarely by its position that the German blockade by means of submarines is illegal and that the proposed methods of warfare will not be tolerated if they overstep the bounds laid down by international law.

The sinking of any American vessel illegally will immediately lead to war, is the expressed opinion in official circles.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Announcement was made at the state department today that the American liner St. Louis will not be given any naval convoy if she sails for Europe. Secretary Lansing says that the liner will sail unattended.

#### Lloyd George Says Allies' Aims Outlined as Far as Possible Now

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 7.—Premier Lloyd George at the opening of the British parliament today said that the response of the Entente Powers to the invitation of President Wilson to outline their peace terms has summarized the grounds on which they are fighting, as far as can be done at present.

He said the Allies cannot now go more into detail and expressed the opinion that the Entente group had placed its case fairly before the world, showing that it is carrying on a just warfare. He added: "The threat of future outrages upon public order and the common rights of humanity serve to steel our determination to carry the combat to a successful conclusion."

The opening of parliament today was shorn of much of the usual color and pomp, the seriousness of the occasion and the sobering influences of the long campaign having served to divest the event of all appearance of a social function.

The peers did not wear their customary rich robes or glittering regalia.

King George was clad in the uniform of a British admiral. The officers were in khaki, even those composing the imperial escort, and the whole atmosphere was one of serious national business.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 7.—Another neutral nation has declined to join with the United States in severing relations with Germany. Announcement was made officially here today that Sweden will not accept Wilson's invitation to stand with the United States on this point. Sweden will, however, protest against the German naval policy of unrestricted submarine war.

PARIS, France, Feb. 7.—A Havas News Agency despatch from Barcelona says that Ambassador Gerard will sail from this Spanish port for the United States. Plans have been made for his return to the United States immediately.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Ambassador Willard of Spain reports from Madrid to the secretary of state that he has received a message from Ambassador Gerard from Berne, indicating that he has reached the Swiss capital, homeward-bound.